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As many People are deſirous to know upon what Foundation, and in what Manner the Maryland *Paper-Money is emitted, perhaps, in the preſent Dearth of News, an Abſtract of the Act for emitting it, will be no unacceptable Entertainment to our Readers.*

THE Act begins with a Preamble to this Purpoſe, That *Tobacco* the chief Dependance of the Inhabitants of *Maryland*, is fallen ſo low of late Years, that the People are extreamly impoveriſhed, and not able to procure the Neceſſaries of Life; And as the moſt probable Means to enable the People to live, and to deſtroy ſuch unmerchantable Tobacco as ſerves only to clog Markets and depreciate the beſt, is to eſtabliſh a Paper Currency, upon a ſinking Fund, it is prayed that it may be enacted, &c.

And it is enacted, That 90000 l. current Money of *America*, to circulate for 31 Years, be printed and ſtruck; to be ſigned and numbred by three Commiſſioners or Truſtees, and kept in a ſtrong Iron Cheſt with 3 different Locks, each Truſtee to keep a Key, to the End that no Bills ſhall be iſſued but in the Preſence and by the Conſent of them all. The Truſtees to be appointed by the Proprietary, or the Governor for the Time being; who may remove any of them when they misbehave, or when he thinks the Welfare of the Province requires it, and appoint others in their Room. They are to enter into Bond of 1000 l. Sterling, with Sureties, and to take an Oath for the due and faithful Execution of the Truſt; and to render their Accounts to the Aſſembly every Seſſion of Aſſembly.

The ſaid Bills ſhall paſs in Payment as current Money for all Contracts made after the Publication of the Act; all Lawyers Fees, all Levies, Fines and Penalties; all Rates and Duties upon the Exportation or Importation of Merchandizes, &c. But the Dues of the Clergy and of the Church, and the Proprietor's Dues, it will not pay.

Thirty-three and a third, is the allow'd Difference between Sterling and Currency.

But if the People do not diſcharge their Debts and Taxes in Bills before the 18th of *April* yearly, and if they do not pay Lawyers Fees in Bills as ſoon as the Cauſe is ended, they ſhall be obliged to pay in Tobacco, and Bills ſhall not afterwards be a lawful Tender.

And that the Bills may be more uſeful and ſooner circulated, 30 *s.* ſhall be iſſued for every Taxable Perſon, in each County, and *Ten Pounds* for the County; The 30 *s.* per Taxable to be given to every Maſter of a Family, for all the Taxables under his Charge; for which the County-Clerks are to take Receipts in a Book, to be tranſmitted to the Truſtees; and the 10 *l. per* County is the Clerk's Reward for that Service.

And to prevent the Exportation of traſhy ordinary Tobacco, every Maſter of a Family is obliged by the Act to burn 150 Pounds of Tobacco for every Taxable in his Charge, in View of the Officers for that Purpoſe appointed; and the ſame Quantity is in the ſame Manner to be burnt the Year following.

Three Thouſand Pounds of the Bills are to purchaſe Ground and build a convenient Houſe for the Governor for the time being; and 500 *l.* for each County ſhall be laid out in building convenient Goals; and 500 *l.* to be applyed to the Repairing of the preſent publick Buildings.

What remains of the Bills, (not applyed by this Act) may be let out by the Truſtees upon Intereſt; at 4 *per Cent. per Ann.* in any Sum or Sums at Diſcretion of the Truſtees, on real or perſonal Security for any time not exceeding 7 Years: Lands of double the Value, and Meſſuages of treble the Value; and the Truſtees are to take Care that they be free of Incumbrances, and adminiſter an Oath or Affirmation to the Mortgagers, that they are free and clear, &c. They ſhall change torn Bills for new ones *gratis*, and deſtroy the old ones.

The Truſtees may re-emit or lend out again the Money that is paid in from Time to Time, unleſs it be otherwiſe apply'd by the Aſſembly.

If any Part of the 90,000 l. remain in the Office after one Year, the Truſtees are to purchaſe good Bills of Exchange, allowing at the rate of 133 l. 6 *s.* 8. d. for 100 l. Sterling; which Bills ſhall be remitted by them to the Truſtees in *London*, hereafter-mentioned.

And for the better ſupporting the Credit of the ſaid Bills, a Duty of 15 d. Sterling is laid upon every Hogſhead of Tobacco, and upon every 400 wt. of Tobacco in Cheſts or Caſes, which ſhall be exported out of *Maryland* for 31 Years, to be paid to the Naval-Officers, in Bills of Exchange, which Bills ſhall be alſo remitted to the Truſtees in *England*, who are at preſent Mr. *Samuel Hyde*, Mr. *William Hunt*, and Mr. *Robert Cruickſhank*, any two of whom (or the Majority of any other Set appointed agreeable to this Act) may act in receiving and diſpoſing of the Money according to the Directions of this Act.

The Truſtees in *England* are directed immediately to lay out the Money ſo remitted to them by Bills of Exchange, in the Purchaſe of Bank-Stock; and they ſhall receive the Intereſt and Dividends, from time to time, and lay out the ſame again in Bank-Stock, ſo as Intereſt upon Intereſt may be made as much as may be: And they are to keep good Accounts, and tranſmit them yearly to the Truſtees in *Maryland*, who are to lay them before the Aſſembly.

And whereas for the better Security of the Fund ſo to be lodged in the Bank of *England*, the Aſſembly have applyed to his Lordſhip the Proprietary, and he hath been pleaſed to ſignify his Willingneſs to take upon himſelf the Care of ſuperintending and directing the Behaviour of the Truſtees in *England*; therefore it is enacted, that in all their Tranſactions, they ſhall conſult his Lordſhip, and procure his Approbation; they are ſubject to his Control; and he is impower'd, as often as he ſhall think proper, to remove or diſplace any of them, and appoint others in their Places; and ſuch as he ſhall ſo appoint, are declared to have the ſame Power as thoſe that are nominated in the Act.

At the End of 15 Years, any Perſon having any of the Bills, upon producing them to the Truſtees in *Maryland*, ſhall receive

receive Bills of Exchange for one Third Part of their Value, and new Bills for the reſt. The Bills of Exchange are to be drawn upon the Truſtees in *London*, who are to ſell ſome Bank-Stock belonging to the Province, and pay them. The Truſtees are to cancel and ſink the Province Bills, for which they ſo give Bills of Exchange.

The Remainder of the Bills are to remain uncancelled to the End of the Thirty-one Years for which they were at firſt emitted; when the Poſſeſſors of them, upon producing them to the Truſtees, ſhall receive Bills of Exchange to the full Value, drawn upon the Truſtees in *England*, who are to pay them as aforeſaid.

What Money remains in Bank, and the Intereſt of what has been lent, ſhall, after the Bills are ſatisfied and ſunk, be diſpoſed of by the Aſſembly.

Counterfeiters, or Utterers of counterfeit Bills, are to ſuffer Death.

LONDON, October 5.

To James Oglethorpe *Eſq; on his late Arrival from* Georgia

THE Zeal that in thy Godlike Boſom glows,
The Deeds of thy heroick Life diſcloſe.
Let *Twickenham's* Bard, in his immortal Lays,
Give thee the humble Tribute of our Praiſe.
No brighter Scene his *Homer* could diſplay,
Then that in thy Adventures, we ſurvey.
In vain the Sun, with his all-chearing Light,
Draws back the ſable Curtains of the Night:
A Night of Darkneſs, and a gloomy Shade,
The drooping Sons of Want ſtill overſpread.
Indulgent Providence has thee deſign'd,
It's Bleſſings to diffuſe to human Kind.
From thee the Happineſs of Numbers ſprings,
And Plenty o'er them broods with out-ſtretcht Wings:
Products a *Britiſh* Colony can boaſt,
For which ſome Foreign Climes are envy'd moſt.
The Merchant hence unwrought the Silk imports,
For which we owe the Blaze of Queens, and Courts:
Here grows the Vine, as in it's native Soil,
To crown our Banquets, and reward thy Toil.
We own thee Great, and, in the nobleſt Senſe,
The Triumphs of thy own Benevolence.
Fading are all the Laurels of the Field,
Compar'd to thoſe which thy Campaign doth yield.
Savanna does in ſmooth Mæanders glide,
And rolls within it's Banks a Silver Tide.
No Verdant Plains of *Georgia* we view
With Blood diſcolour'd, or a Purple Hue;
But Cities founded, and new Conqueſts made,
Without the Slain that *Marlbro's* Triumphs ſhade.
On *Heathen* Savages thy Virtues gain,
And to the Goſpel their Aſſent obtain:
No Miracles they want; but have in thee
A living Proof of it's Divinity.
Thy Tongue their feeble Arguments diſarms,
And, like an Angel's, their Attention charms.
The wand'ring *Emigrant* may now deſcry
A Land, that ſacred is to Liberty.
He'll bleſs the Men that did this Port provide,
And to it ſafely then the Shipwreck'd guide.
With ſuch Atchievements 'tis thy generous Striſe,
To fill the ſmall Circumference of Life.
No Pleaſures thy ſuperior Mind can know,
But what from theſe as from their Fountains, flow:
Dreſs, Building, Equipage, and gaudy State,
Ne'er can a true Magnificence create:
But ſolid Piety, and ardent Love,
Are Graces which adorn the Saints above.
Thy great Example will in Story ſhine,
A fav'rite Theme with Poet and Divine:
Poſterity thy Merits ſhall proclaim,
And heap new Honours on the deathleſs Name.

PHILADELPHIA, March 20.

There is a Letter in Town from a Gentleman in *Maryland* which mentions, that a Ship is arrived there, that left *London* the firſt of *January* and *Portsmouth* the 20th, but brings no remarkable News, except that there was a terrible Storm in *England* the 9th of *January*, which did a vaſt deal of Damage, and many Ships were loſt; and that it was the Opinion of the Merchants in *London*, that the *Engliſh* would keep out of the War another Year.

Cuſtom-Houſe, Philadelphia, Entered Inwards.

Sloop Lebanon, Thomas Lothrop, from Boſton.

Entered Out.

Brigt. Mulberry, Peter Nihill, for London.

Cleared.

Brigt. Anne, James Rogers, to Jamaica.
Snow Chriſtiana, Thomas Chadſey, to Barbadoes.
Ship Anne, John Stedman, to London.

Advertiſements.

TO be ſold by William Williams *of* Uwchland *for ready Money, by publick Vendue, on the* 25th *of* April *next, at* Vale Royal *Mill at* Whiteland *in* Cheſter *County, three fourth Parts of the ſaid Mill, being a Merchant Mill in good Repair, at the* 11th *Hour of the ſaid Day: Where all Perſons that have Demands on the ſaid* Williams, *are deſired to appear at the ſaid Vendue.*

STOLEN away laſt Night from William Herbert, *a ſmall Bay Horſe, ſuſpected to be taken by one* John Mitchel *who ſold him but a few Hours before; He is a Man of middle Stature, wears a yellowiſh or browniſh Coat, a flaxen Wig or a Cap, no Shoes but ſharp-toed Boots, a large Scar under his Cheek in his Neck; He has a good Horſe beſides, which he himſelf rides on, and 'tis thought a young Welch-Woman he has with him rides on the ſtolen Horſe above-mentioned. Whoever ſecures the ſaid* Mitchel, *and the Horſe, ſo that the Owner may have him again, ſhall have* Forty Shillings *Reward and reaſonable Charges paid. And about a Week ſince, the ſaid* Herbert *hired a ſorrel Horſe with a white Face, to a young Man, a Gingerbread Baker, to go to* Briſtol, *and the Horſe is not yet returned: Whoever brings the ſaid Horſe home again, ſhall have* Twenty Shillings *Reward, paid by*

Philadel. March 20. 1734-5 William Herbert.

AT the Widow Lamb's *oppoſite to the Coffee-Houſe in* Front-Street, *liveth* JOHN HUNTER, *lately from* England; *who makes it his Buſineſs to Poſt Books, draw out Accounts, or do any other ſort of Writing. And if any Perſon hath a mind to be inſtructed in Menſuration, Algebra, or any other Part of the Mathematicks he will wait upon them at proper Hours. His Wife is a Mantua-maker, and works in the beſt manner and the neweſt Faſhions.*

N. B. *For the Benefit of ſuch as may be afflicted with that grievous Diſtemper, it may be not amiſs to mention, that he has a never failing Method of curing the* PILES, *in a very ſhort Time*

TO be ſold, Cheſtnut Poſts *for Fencing, by* William Rakeſtraw.

RUN away the 11th *Inſtant from* Evan Price *in* Robinſon *Townſhip in* Lancaſter *County, a* New-England *Servant Lad, named* John Patridge, *tall and ſlim, about* 17 *Years of Age, ſhort black Hair, Pockfretten; with a Pea-Jacket, mill'd Cap, old Hat, is ſomething of a Sailor, and pretends to talk French. He took a Gun with him. Whoever ſecures him, ſo that he may be had again, ſhall have* Forty Shillings *Reward, and reaſonable Charges paid by*

Evan Price.

RUN away the 11th *Day of* November *paſt, from* Rees Pritchard *of* Whiteland, Cheſter *County, an* Iriſh *Servant Man named* Lawrence Keron, *aged about* 22 *Years, a well-ſet Man, freckled Complexion and mark'd with the Small-Pox, ſandy curl'd Hair; browniſh Cloth Coat, Buttons of the ſame, and Breeches of the ſame Cloth; Cotton and Linnen Shirt, blue and white mixt Yarn Stockings, and another Pair of light colour'd Yarn Stockings, footed with dark-coloured Yarn a good deal above the Shoe; an old Felt Hat, with a Piece cut out of the Brim, and cock'd up ſo as to hide it, wooden heel'd Shoes, and a Pair of old Shoes that have been mended and cover'd. Whoever takes up and ſecures the above mentioned Servant, ſo that his Maſter may have him again, ſhall have* Forty Shillings *Reward, and reaſonable Charges paid by* Rees Prichard.

N. B. *It is ſuppoſed he is gone towards* Maryland.

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